other than price control to make available life saving drugs at reasonable prices. The Task Force has submitted its report to the Government on the 20th September, 2005.

The Government in consultation with various stakeholders is examining the recommendations of the Task Force. Based on this a new Pharmaceutical Policy is likely to be announced shortly.

Revival of India Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

2614. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to revive Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. which was declared sick in 1992 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether all the employees who were originally with IDPL would be re-employed and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Government is contemplating to revive Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL). Details in this regard have not been finalised.

(b) The requirement of personnel would be determined by the company keeping in view its revival plans.

Coal-based fertilizer units

2615. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND
FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal-based fertilizer plants set up in the country as on 30th November, 2005, State-wise and plant-wise;

(b) the details of sick fertilizer plants in the country closed, State-wise and plant-wise;and

(c) the steps taken by Government to revive the closed plants?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The two coal-based fertilizer plants of Fertilizer Corporation